

**Amendments to the specification**

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 1:

**--STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/642,650, filed August 22, 2000, in the name of inventors Alain Fournier and Natalie Duret, entitled "Method of manufacturing a sandwich panel, made of composite material, and a panel thereby obtained", commonly assigned herewith.--